

Baseball Frenzy Grips and Binds New York

Giants Confident on Eve of
First Struggle with Their
Rivals from Boston.

RED SOX REACH THE CITY

Chances in Favor of "Big Six"
Facing "Smoky" Joe Wood
in Battle at Polo
Grounds To-day.

New York was slower this year than last, when the Giants had such a nip-and-tuck race, to catch the baseball fever, but yesterday all the pent-up enthusiasm which has been smouldering for weeks burst into a conflagration, and until the world's championship has been disposed of Presidents and politicians must bide their time.

Thousands of determined "fans," who waited all last night and the night before, stretching their attenuated lines from the Polo Grounds fifteen blocks to 14th street, a mile and a half, in order to get a ticket for the big games, testified to the great awakening. Last night offers of \$15 were made for the precious pasteboard, while a box was considered worth \$125, with none to be had. Places near the front of the line were worth \$5 and \$10.

There is an air of confidence in the camp of the Giants. Although they are only speaking at the rate of \$2 a word or thereabouts these days, and, in order to get an interview some of the long green has to be flashed, the players are not artful enough to hide their feelings. When asked what he thought the outcome would be, "Matty" ventured the opinion that there was lots of sky out yesterday afternoon, while "Chief" Meyers had a sudden attack of aphasia, being able to converse only in the Indian language, which he did quite fluently. As there was no interpreter on hand, his opinions cannot be stated to an expectant world.

Jeff Tesreau looked as though he would be willing to discuss the matter at hand with either J. P. Morgan, Baron Rothschild or John D. Rockefeller, even sparing a few words to Andrew Carnegie, but for the rest of the mortal world he had only an unintelligible grin and the silence of the starry skies.

But the players did not seem to be stricken with terror at the thought of the Red Sox, nor did they expect to spend a restless night with bad dreams about Joe Wood. McGraw has them keyed up to the fighting pitch, and something is going to break.

All day the corridors of the leading hotels buzzed with the visiting "fans" from all parts of the United States and even Cuba. The National Commission took up its usual luxurious quarters in the Waldorf-Astoria, and there the big men in baseball foregathered to pick the probable winners and glean the gossip of the day. This morning, Jake Stahl and John McGraw, the two managers, and Klem, Rieger, Evans and O'Loughlin, the four umpires, will meet with the commission and go over the rules governing the series. Ban Johnson arrived yesterday, and said he expected a great struggle.

At the Hotel Imperial three hundred baseball writers, who will need seventy special telegraph lines out of the Polo Grounds to flash the details of the game all over the country, held forth. Among them were correspondents from Havana papers who, although they could not speak English and required the services of an interpreter, pride themselves on the fact that they know baseball from A to Z. But with all their desire the wholesale dealers in statistics were unable to pick a winner any better than the streeturchins who were patiently waiting in line.

Red Sox Arrive Full of Fight.

The Boston team, twenty-two strong, led by the redoubtable Jake Stahl and accompanied by several trainers, arrived at the Grand Central Station shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. They quickly made their way through the thousands at the terminal, who failed to recognize them, and got into taxicabs. They were driven to Breton Hall, where they will live while in New York, and after dinner went to their rooms. The trainers said that all were in bed by 9:30 o'clock.

A big crowd of "fans" assembled in front of the Hotel Somerset, where it was first reported that the team would make its headquarters. It was nearly an hour after the arrival of the Red Sox that their admirers were informed of the installation of the American League champions at Breton Hall.

The Giants utilized the Yankees as a foil for their last practice at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon, the regulars playing for a trifle more than four innings. They seemed to be right on edge for the fray. The great trio of pitchers—Mathewson, Marquard and Tesreau—remained behind the stadium yesterday morning, however, and exhibited their best wares for the benefit of Wilbert Robinson and McGraw. After looking over his three stars the Little Napoleon had nothing but a smile to offer in lieu of an interview.

The Red Sox will go to the post favorites by a slight margin. The odds gradually shortened all yesterday, and a lot of bets were made at even money. The best odds obtainable were 6 to 5, while according to reports \$30,000 was put down on the Red Sox at 10 to 9 in Wall Street. This is quite a drop from 5 to 2 and 2 to 1, which was offered last week in Boston.

Speculation is rife as to the pitchers for the first game. Stahl has made no secret of his plan to send Wood to the wire in case Joe warms up well before the game. McGraw, with his usual tactfulness, will not give an inkling of his selection, meeting all questioners with the statement:

McGraw and Stahl Full of Confidence

John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants was plainly confident last night concerning the outcome of the world's series, but, following his custom, he refused to make a prediction or venture an opinion. He did say, however:

"My men are in fine condition, and I know that they are ready to give a good account of themselves. Further than that, they have had the experience of a world's series, and that means something. We gave the Athletics a hard fight in five of the six games last fall, and I do not think the Red Sox are any stronger, if as strong."

Jake Stahl, manager of the Red Sox, was not inclined to talk when he reached here last evening from Boston, but reiterated some of his previous statements by saying:

"My team has played consistent baseball in winning the American League pennant, and will play consistent baseball in winning the world's series. I believe that my pitching staff is the best in the country, and everything else being equal, this will count. Gardner is fully recovered from the injury to his finger, and the players are in fine condition and confident."

that he does not know himself and won't know until just before the game.

Victory in the first contest of the series is important, and each manager is anxious to get the jump. Until last year the winner of the first game won the series, but the Athletics upset all traditions against the Giants. However, it is none the less true that each leader is desirous of capturing the initial struggle.

Matty May Face Joe Wood.

There are arguments in favor of McGraw using each one of the three stars who will be called upon to do the lion's share of the work against the Red Sox. Tesreau is picked as a probable beginner, so that McGraw can use him in every other game in the series, and so start him four times if necessary. It is generally admitted that Jeff will prove the hardest nut for the Red Sox to crack, and is most likely to beat Wood. A defeat for Joe right off the reel would have its psychological value for the National League champions. However, if Tesreau should be beaten, Stahl would be in a fine strategic position.

Marquard as a starter has been mentioned by some who think that Wood will win the first game anyway, and McGraw might as well waste a pitcher, coming back with Tesreau and Matty. But McGraw will not concede Boston a victory in any such manner.

When all is said and done and all the returns are in, the man who will walk to the center of the diamond when the umpires shout "Play ball!" undoubtedly will be one Christopher Mathewson. At his best in a short series, Matty has been invincible in starting every set of post-season games he has ever entered, and has never failed.

Matty has received the longest rest he has ever drawn since he has been a member of the Giants. It is now twelve days since he has appeared on the mound. This can mean only two things—either that McGraw does not intend to use him at all or that he will pitch the first game and bear the brunt of battle throughout the series. Unless he loses his cunning over night, it will be Matty against Wood. This gives the Giants an even chance for victory, as Matty is usually at his best on the Polo Grounds. If the National League champions win, the Little Napoleon will have the upper hand with Tesreau and Marquard to send against the Red Sox.

After the game yesterday afternoon the grounds received a thorough manuring under the watchful eye of Murphy, the renowned keeper of diamonds. When the curtain rises on the scene of battle this afternoon the field will be as true as a billiard table. Fair and cooler weather is promised by the official forecaster, and conditions will be perfect for the thrilling battle which is sure to take place.

The Polo Grounds will be opened to the "fans" at 8 o'clock this morning, the game beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be plenty of provisions sold to those who fail to bring their luncheons. Joe O'Brien, secretary of the club, emphasized again yesterday, that holders of reserved seats will be admitted only at the Speedway entrance of the Stadium.

The main entrances will be used by the "fans" who buy seats in the bleachers or lower grandstand. As soon as the stands are filled, which will probably be around noon time, judging by the way the crowds gathered last night, the gates will be closed.

Twenty-three players, representing the Giants, and twenty-two, representing the Red Sox, are eligible to take part in the big series. The names of the men follow: New York Giants—Ames, Bocker, Burns, Crandall, Doyle, McGraw, Marquard, Mathewson, McCormick, Merkle, Meyers, Murray, Robinson, Shafer, Snodgrass, Tesreau, Wilson and Wilkie.

Boston Red Sox—Ball, Bedient, Bradley, Cady, Collins, Carrigan, Engle, Gardner, Hall, Henriksen, Hooper, Krug, Lewis, Nunamaker, O'Brien, Pape, Stahl, Speaker, Thomas, Wagner, Wood and Yerkes.

World's Series Records of the Past

The growth of baseball in eight years of strife for the world's championship is shown by the following statistics of attendance and receipts:

Year	Attendance	Receipts
1903	1,004,429	\$55,500.00
1904	917,723	\$8,436.75
1905	89,448	\$106,550.00
1906	78,068	\$101,728.50
1907	62,752	\$14,075.50
1908	145,203	\$18,302.50
1909	124,421	\$174,000.00
1910	170,851	\$42,364.50

RESULTS.
1903—Boston, A. L. 5; Pittsburgh, N. L. 3.
1905—Philadelphia, A. L. 1; New York, N. L. 4.
1906—Chicago, A. L. 4; Chicago, N. L. 2.
1907—Chicago, N. L. 4; Detroit, A. L. 6.
1908—Chicago, N. L. 4; Detroit, A. L. 1.
1909—Pittsburgh, N. L. 4; Detroit, A. L. 3.
1910—Philadelphia, A. L. 4; Chicago, N. L. 1.
1911—New York, N. L. 2; Philadelphia, A. L. 4.

Total, eight years—Attendance, 881,864; receipts, \$1,231,667.75; games, 47; American League, 4 series; National League, 4 series.

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MUCH GOLD TO PLAYERS

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ALL RECORDS IN DANGER

Two Leagues Now in a Tie at
Four Flags Each for Highest Honors of Baseball.

The world's series between the Giants and Red Sox which starts at the Polo Grounds this afternoon will break the existing tie between the American and National League in the number of championships won. Each organization has captured four pennants in the eight series played, the total attendance for the contests running up to \$31,864 and the receipts to \$1,231,667.75. Forty-seven games have been played of which the National League contenders have won twenty-four and their opponents twenty-two, one game ending in a tie.

All records for attendance and receipts were broken in the series between the Giants and Athletics last year, when 179,851 "fans" paid \$42,364.50 to see the games. With a larger seating capacity at the Boston grounds than at Shibe Park, in Philadelphia, new figures ought to be set this year. The players on the winning team picked up \$2,000 apiece and the losers got \$2,400 each last season. It would not be surprising if the winner's share ran up to \$4,000 each this year.

Although there were many so-called world's championship games played early in the history of baseball, the first between the American and National leagues came in 1903, when the Red Sox won five out of eight games from the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Giants won the National League pennant in 1904, but John T. Brush, because his bitterness toward the American League had not died down, refused to play the Red Sox for the title.

In 1905, however, the difficulties were patched up by the national commission, which took charge, and the Giants defeated the Athletics in four of the five games played, Mathewson winning three of them. In 1906 the two Chicago teams met, the Cubs going down to defeat at the hands of the White Sox in four out of six games, although the Cubs had one of the greatest baseball machines ever developed and set a new mark of 116 victories for a season, a record which has never been equalled.

Only five games were necessary to decide the championship in 1907, when the Cubs and Detroit Tigers met, Chicago winning four straight victories, the first game being a thirteen inning tie. The same teams battled again in 1908, Chicago winning four out of five. The following year Pittsburgh and Detroit had a bitter struggle for honors, the series going the full limit of seven for the first and only time in history before the Pirates were declared the winners. In this series "Babe" Adams defeated the Tigers in three games.

The Athletics and Cubs hooked up in 1910, Philadelphia winning with ease, taking four out of the five games played. Last year the Athletics were again successful, in their struggle with the Giants winning four out of six games. The first five games were the hardest fought and best played of any world's series contests. Two of them went to extra innings, the Athletics taking eleven innings to beat Matty in the third game and the Giants beating Coombs and Plank in ten innings in the fifth. These two games are the only extra inning games ever played in a world's series, with the exception of the thirteen inning tie that the Cubs and Tigers fought out in 1907. The sixth game last year ended in a rout for the Giants in Philadelphia.

FOR A NEW ATHLETIC CLUB.

To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: Young men desirous of joining an athletic club about to be organized in the upper West Side may write Samuel Schwed, foreign station, New York Post-office. A cordial welcome is extended to unattached athletes or strangers from outside the city who have as yet been unable to make athletic connections.
Oct. 7, 1912. SAMUEL SCHWED.

Records of Rival Pitchers for Season Just Closed

NEW YORK GIANTS.									
Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Percentage	Runs on balls	Struck out	Hit batsmen	Wild pitches	Balks
Tesreau	35	17	7	.788	99	111	11	3	0
Marquard	45	24	11	.688	82	175	3	0	0
Mathewson	43	23	12	.657	33	132	3	0	0
Crandall	45	12	6	.667	36	68	6	0	0
Ames	33	9	6	.600	36	81	1	0	0
Wilkie	28	8	6	.571	28	58	1	0	0

BOSTON RED SOX.									
Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Percentage	Runs on balls	Struck out	Hit batsmen	Wild pitches	Balks
Wood	42	24	8	.692	82	258	13	5	0
Collins	42	14	7	.667	41	83	4	0	0
Hall	35	17	5	.654	72	83	3	0	0
Bedient	36	17	9	.654	32	121	1	0	0
O'Brien	36	18	15	.556	92	113	10	7	1

Wood relieved in five games and was taken out in three; Collins relieved in three games and was taken out in eight; Hall relieved in twelve games and was taken out in thirteen; Bedient relieved in eleven games and was taken out in eleven; O'Brien relieved in three games and was taken out in nine.

EXCHANGE BASEBALL QUIPS

Mayor Gaynor Invites Mayor of Boston to See Giants Win.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston will be the guest of Mayor Gaynor in the latter's box at the Polo Grounds this afternoon for the battle of the diamond. He left Boston on the 12 o'clock train last night for this city after the following telegrams had been exchanged:

"The Hon. J. F. Fitzgerald, City Hall, Boston—The Mayor asks if you will give him the pleasure of sitting in his box tomorrow to witness the defeat of the Red Sox by the Giants."

"ROBERT ADAMSON, Secretary."

Mayor Fitzgerald sent the following reply:

"The Hon. W. J. Gaynor, City Hall, New York—It will give me pleasure to be your guest as the Red Sox begin their onward march to the world's championship and to congratulate you upon the fact that your city, the greatest in the country and possessing the best ball team in the National League, is to have the distinguished honor of adding to the glory of the best city in the world and to the laurels of the finest ball team ever organized."

"JOHN F. FITZGERALD, Mayor."

LYNCH CALLS A MEETING

Says the National League Has Important Business on Hand.

Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, sent out the following letter yesterday to all club presidents:

"Under authority vested in me by Section 10 of the National League constitution, you are notified that a special meeting of the league will be held in New York City within a day or two after the close of the world's series and the Chicago series of 1912. Notice of the exact time and place of the meeting in New York City will be telegraphed to you later in the week.

"This special meeting will be of utmost importance to the National League, and I therefore respectfully request that every club be represented."

RALPH DE PALMA RESTING

No Change in Condition of Injured Auto Driver.

Milwaukee, Oct. 7.—There was practically no change this morning in the condition of Ralph De Palma, injured in an accident during the last lap of the Grand Prize automobile race on Saturday afternoon. He passed a quiet night.

To-day Tony Scuderi, a mechanic for the late Bruce-Brown, who was injured when that famous pilot suffered injuries which resulted in his death, was said to have had a poor night.

WILD PITCH FELS COOMBS

Knocked Out by Moore's Throw—Phillies Beat Athletics.

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.—Jack Coombs, pitcher for the Philadelphia club of the American League team, was knocked unconscious by a wild pitch of Earl Moore, pitcher for the National League club, in the sixth inning of the opening game of the interleague series for the championship of this city, to-day, at Shibe Park.

Coombs was able to walk home after the game, but was badly shaken, and may not be able to play in any of the remaining games of the series. Alexander, who pitched the first five innings for the Nationals, was hit hard by the Athletics in the fourth inning.

Carroll Brown replaced Coombs and in the eighth inning walked two men and hit another. After Crabb, who replaced Dolan in the box, had passed Paskert, Brown tripled and Magee singled, clinching the victory for the Phillies.

The score follows:

Nationals 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 8 12 0
Americans 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 4 15 0
Batteries—Alexander, Moore and Kilgus; Coombs, Brown, Crabb and Lapp. Umpires—Hart and Johnstone. Time of game—2:15.

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BALM FOR THE YANKEES

Actually Beat Giants on Eve of
the World's Series.

ADMIRAL THROWS IN BALL

Tars and Schoolboys Cheer
Champions, the Mayor
and Fleet Officers.

Extremes met at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon, where, before the awestricken gaze of some fifteen thousand spectators the Yankees, tall ends in the American League, beat the Giants, champions of the National League, in a special exhibition game by the score of 4 to 2. It has often been said: "Wonders never cease."

It may be said in extenuation of this unprecedented show of audacity that the Giants used the game merely to limber up the muscles of the players and keep their minds off the great battle which will begin at the Polo Grounds this afternoon. The regulars played for part of the game only, and their places were filled by the men who have played thinking parts on the bench for the greater part of the season.

Mayor Gaynor, Rear Admiral Osterhaus of the Atlantic squadron, now riding at anchor in the Hudson River; Captain Rodman of the battleship Connecticut and Police Commissioner Rhinelanders Waldo, among others, occupied two boxes on the lower tier. Hundreds of sailors and marines from the fleet were present, the red facings of the uniforms adding a touch of color to the scene. Delegations from Columbia and New York universities, the College of the City of New York and various high schools also were present.

All were on hand with lusty lungs, and for a while on passing in the distance might have thought that a football game was in progress. Cheer after cheer rent the air, and generally Giants, Matty or McGraw was at the end. The brass band of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum was on hand early and kept the crowd in good humor with a number of patriotic airs.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock the Mayor marched across the field in company with Admiral Osterhaus and the other invited guests of the club. The band played "Hail to the Chief!" the college and high school lads cheered themselves into a frenzy and the Mayor doffed his silk hat. After facing a battery of cameras, Admiral Osterhaus stood up and threw out the ball to Grover Hartley. It was a short throw, and Mayor Gaynor decided that an error might be charged. Then the band played "America!" and everybody stood up. Before the fun began John J. McGraw and the peerless Mathewson, more photographs were snapped and more cheers were given. Then the game.

With the exception of the battery, the same team which will face the Red Sox to-day stood in their places. Hartley was behind the bat, while Goulat pitched. Easy confidence was written on the face of every man, and if the thought of the impending struggle was on the mind of any surely there was no outward sign of it. Goulat, the colt, anxious to win, was a little nervous as he took his place in the box, but he soon settled down.

The defense of the Giants, save one wild throw by Fletcher, was perfect. Fred Merkle made the most spectacular play of the game in the third inning. Stump hit one just out of reach of Goulat and seemingly beyond hope of recovery by Merkle, but Fred thundered down on the ball and nipping it in his bare hand made a snap throw for the bag, for which Stump and Goulat were running a mad race. The latter grabbed the sphere in one hand, and just beat the Yankee runner by half a foot.

"Bring on the Red Sox!" howled the crowd, and once more the high school boys cheered themselves hoarse. At the bat, however, the Giants failed to shine. Ford went into the game with everything that he has ever shown in his life. His terrific speed and sharply breaking spit balls had the Giants tied in knots, and after the second inning not a New York batter got on the lines by legitimate means. In the fifth inning Meyers was safe on an error by Stump, and in the following frame Harry McCormick got two bases on a muff by Schultz in right field. With those two exceptions he mowed them down in Indian file.

Goulat was his hard, and the Yankees made all their runs on him. He retired after the fifth, and Leon Ames finished up for him. Ames was good, and was not scored upon.

The score follows:

YANKEES.	ab	r	b	po	ai	po	ai
Midfield	3b	112	230	Devoe	1b	211	0 0 0
Daguer	1b	111	230	Burns	2b	200	0 0 0
Hartley	cf	401	200	Doyle	2b	211	0 0 0
Stump	2b	201	200	Shafer	2b	200	0 0 0
McMillan	1b	112	200	McCorr	1b	200	0 0 0
Stewart	1b	401	200	Becker	cf	200	0 0 0
Schultz	rf	400	101	Murray	rf	200	0 0 0
Sweeney	c	112	200	McCorr	1b	200	0 0 0
Ford	p	411	010	Merkle	1b	200	0 0 0
				Robertson	1b	200	0 0 0
				Herzog	2b	201	0 0 0
				Hartley	c	201	0 0 0
				Fletcher	2b	200	0 0 0
				Goulat	p	200	0 0 0
				Ames	p	100	0 0 0
				Mayer	p	100	0 0 0
Totals		412	4 27 21	Totals		314	12 47 23

Yankees.....1 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Giants.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
"Batted for Goulat in fifth inning. Three-base hit—Midfield. Sacrifice hits—Daniels, Miller. Stolen bases—Stump, Daniels. First base on balls—Ford, 1; on foul ball, 1. Struck out—By Ford, 3; by Goulat, 6; by Ames, 2. Left on bases—Yanks, 6; Giants, 1. Umpires—Klem and Eason.

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